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SUPERINTENDENT'S DIRECTIVE 2005 H-1

To: All Employees, Southeast Utah Group  
From: Superintendent, Southeast Utah Group  
Subject: Cultural Resource Site Information Disclosure Policy for the Southeast Utah Group

Both the National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act mandate that Federal agencies only disclose site locations if no harm, theft, or destruction of cultural resources will result from disclosure. The pertinent sections of the acts are as follows:

The head of any Federal agency, after consultation with the Secretary, shall withhold from disclosure to the public, information relating to the location or character of historic resources whenever the head of the agency or the Secretary determines that the disclosure of such information may create a substantial risk of harm, theft, or destruction to such resources or to the area or place where such resources are located. *Section 304, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.*

Information concerning the nature and location of any archaeological resource for which the excavation or removal requires a permit or other permission under this Act or under any other provision of Federal law may not be made available to the public under subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5 of the United States Code or under any other provision of law unless the Federal land manager concerned determined that such disclosure would--(1) further the purposes of this Act or the Act of June 17, 1960 (16 USC 469-469c), and (2) not create a risk of harm to such resources or to the site at which such resources are located. *Section 9, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.*

To comply with these mandates, this directive establishes three categories or classes of cultural resource sites based on their ability to withstand visitor impacts due to the nature of the sites themselves, active physical protection, indirect protective mechanisms, and visitor demands to access the sites.

Southeast Utah Group (SEUG) employees may provide locational information only to Class I and II sites, i.e., sites which are regularly interpreted, stabilized, monitored, conserved, patrolled, or otherwise protected from visitor impacts or harm. In addition, all permitted researchers working on cultural resource projects must also abide by this directive and are restricted from disclosing locational information to any but Class I and II sites.

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## DISCLOSURE CLASSES

Category I - Locations of Class I sites are readily disclosed to the public. Class I sites have a long history of tourist use, are marked on USGS topographic maps, are described in widely available guide books, are generally known to visitors, and/or are actively promoted as tourist destinations. Since Class I sites receive the greatest impacts from visitors, they receive the greatest physical protection and management intervention. Class I sites are listed in this Superintendent's Directive and can be provided to visitors as a handout along with an appropriate site conservation message.

Category II - Class II site locations may only be disclosed to the public when visitors request the information by site name, photograph or description, and the requested site is on the Class II Sites list in this Superintendent's Directive. Class II sites may be as well known to visitors as Class I sites, but they are either more fragile or vulnerable to visitor impacts than Class I sites or there are other concerns (such as the presence of endangered species or visitor safety hazards) which result in Class II sites being unable to withstand the number of visitors received by Class I sites.

When visitors receive locational information about Class II sites, they must also be instructed in how to behave when visiting the sites. For example, when visitors are told how to find a Class II rock art site, they are told not to touch the rock art or to leave any marks or graffiti on the site. At Class II structural sites, visitors are told not to lean or climb on walls, to leave artifacts in place, to stay on existing trails across the sites, etc. Class II sites are listed in this Superintendent's Directive but this list should not be handed out to visitors.

Category III - Class III sites include all known and unknown sites not listed in this Superintendent's Directive under Class I and Class II. They are considered vulnerable, fragile cultural resources. Class III site locations are withheld from the public to ensure site preservation and protection, as mandated in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA). While visitors are not told where Class III sites are located, they are welcome to discover them on their own, based on park and NPS enabling legislation.

In summary, the adoption of this site disclosure management policy allows the park to balance demands of visitors to access cultural sites with mandates to preserve and protect significant cultural resources. To balance access with preservation, the site disclosure policy is directly linked to programs of direct and indirect site protection. A listing of Category I and II disclosure sites will be maintained at all park visitor information stations and within appropriate divisions.

CLASS I SITES (Please feel free to provide this list of Class I sites as a handout to visitors)

Arches National Park:

Wolfe Ranch National Historic District  
 Wolfe Ranch Ute Petroglyph Panel (42GR00297)  
 Moab or Courthouse Wash Panel (42GR00605)  
 Custodian's Residence (The Rock House)  
 Entrance Road Arch, CCC Bridge  
 Old Spanish Trail--Old Highway Cut  
 Lower Courthouse Wash Dugway  
 Ringhoffer Inscription on Tower Arch

Natural Bridges National Monument:

Kachina Bridge Ruin (42SA06801)  
 Horse Collar Ruin North and South (42SA06819, 42SA06820)  
 Sipapu Trail Ruin (42SA16751)  
 Zeke's Trail, Owachomo Bridge Trail

Canyonlands National Park:

Island-in-the-Sky District:

Aztec Butte Ruins (42SA00414, 42SA00418)  
 Murphy Trail and Bridge  
 Murphy Road Corral  
 Neck Spring Trail Corral  
 Grays Pasture Corral  
 Potato Bottom Corral  
 Hardscrabble Corral  
 Monument Basin Corral

Needles District:

SOB Hill Rock Art (42SA01448, 42SA01450)  
 Tower Ruin (42SA01470)  
 Peek-a-Boo Rock Art Panel (42SA01506)  
 Roadside Ruin (42SA01511)  
 Big Ruin (42SA01586)  
 Free-standing Ruin in Salt Creek (42SA01628)  
 Four Faces (42SA01629)  
 Cave Springs Cowboy Camp  
 Cave Springs Rock Art  
 Entry Corral  
 Chesler Park Cowboy Line Camp  
 Kirks Cabin Complex

CLASS I SITES (Continued)

Canyonlands National Park:

Maze District:

Alcove Site (42WN00372)  
 Horseshoe Shelter (42WN00374)  
 High Gallery (42WN00375)  
 Great Gallery (42WN00418)  
 Harvest Scene (42WN00665)  
 Doll's House Granaries (42GA01057)  
 Bear Site Pictographs (42GA01934)  
 Doll House-Spanish Bottom Trail  
 Horseshoe Canyon Trough, Tank, and Pipeline

Green River:

Fort Bottom Cabin (42SA00078)  
 Fort Bottom Ruin (42SA01663)  
 Anderson Bottom Cabin Complex  
 Anderson Bottom Petroglyphs (42WN01956)  
 Valentine Bottom Ruins (42WN00720, 42WN00724)  
 Turk's Head Structures (42WN00727, 42WN00728)  
 Jasper Canyon Structures (42WN00663)  
 Water Canyon Structures (42WN00004)

Colorado River:

Lathrop Canyon Ruins, Rock Art (42WN00974)  
 Coffee Pot Granary (42SA00976)  
 Indian Creek Granaries (42SA04977)  
 Monument Canyon Granary (42SA04979)  
 Steamer Major Powell Inscription  
 Hell to Pay Inscription  
 D.C.C.&P. Inscription  
 Best Inscription

Hovenweep National Monument:\*

Cajon Unit  
 Square Tower Unit  
 Cuthroat Unit  
 Horseshoe/Hackbury Unit  
 Holly Unit

\*The structures in these units are considered Class I with the exceptions already in place through policy and guidelines (ex: Square Tower Ruin can only be viewed from the rim).